

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to claim priority to the identified PCT, European, and US provisional patent applications, and to amend the claims and specification to better conform to U.S. practice. The amendments to the claims are based on the claims as amended during International Prosecution, which are reproduced as amended sheets in the International Preliminary Examination Report included herewith.

Please enter this amendment prior to calculating the fee in this case. Applicants respectfully request substantive examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

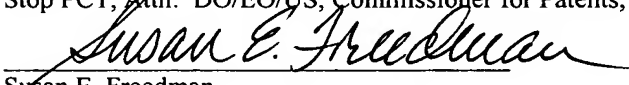

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